Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mildred Marjorie Scott was born on February 1, 1918, to Melvin and Minnie Scott on a farm near Colton, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mildred married Orville L. Bonacker on April 19, 1941, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and to this marriage of 55 years six children were born: Carole, David, DeeAnn, John, Mary, and Sue; and,

Whereas, Mildred enjoys learning about the various activities and lives of 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Mildred is very active, playing cards several days a week, and living life to its fullest; and,

Whereas, Mildred has lived in Minnehaha County all of her life and will observe her 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2003, as

Mildred Bonacker Day

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State